Remarks

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the applicants were required to elect one of the following 23 species of the invention:

Species 1:	Figure 1
Species 2:	Figure 3
Species 3:	Figure 7
Species 4:	Figure 8
Species 5:	Figure 9
Species 6:	Figure 12
Species 7:	Figure 16
Species 8:	Figure 17
Species 9:	Figure 18
Species 10:	Figure 20
Species 11:	Figure 22
Species 12:	Figure 24
Species 13:	Figure 29
Species 14:	Figure 30
Species 15:	Figure 33
Species 16:	Figure 34
Species 17:	Figure 37
Species 18:	Figure 38
Species 19:	Figure 39
Species 20:	Figure 40
Species 21:	Figure 42
Species 22:	Figure 43

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In response to the restriction requirement, the Applicants hereby elect, without traversal, Species 17 (Figure 37) for prosecution. As a result of this election, claims 3-8, 14, 17, 21-29, 34, 35 and 39-41 have been withdrawn from consideration. Consequently, claims 1, 2, 9-13, 15, 16, 18-20, 30-33, 36-38 and 42 are currently pending and under consideration.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and the Examiner is requested to pass the case to issue. If the Examiner should have any comments or suggestions to help speed the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the applicants' undersigned representative by telephone.

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